

GAS COMPANY ELECTS OFFICERS

Directors Met and Made Selection Yesterday Afternoon.

PAPERS FOR SUBSCRIPTIONS

Will be Started Among Citizens Today.

The board of directors of the Wichita Mining and Prospecting company met in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday afternoon and elected the following officers for the first year of the existence of the company:

President, Charles G. Cobb.

Vice president, C. H. Smyth.

Secretary, James Allison.

Treasurer, A. C. Jones.

A better set of officers for a company would be hard to find. Each man is directly interested in the work of the company, and the company was organized especially to further the interests of this city as a whole and not any particular company of men. The company was organized among Wichita people and for the sole purpose of learning whether oil or gas or other mineral existed around Wichita.

If there is no gas near this city, there is a company with plenty of capital ready and waiting to be sure of this fact and they will pipe gas to Wichita.

The par value of the stock is but one dollar per share. If no gas is discovered, the subscribers to the stock will be out but a small sum, and gas will be brought here in any event. If gas is discovered, the company will make handsome returns on the investment, while if no gas is found and oil or mineral is, the company will develop the field, and there is no doubt but that a subscription to the stock will be a paying investment.

The mass meeting several weeks ago selected the directors and the directors have applied for a charter, and yesterday they elected their officers. One important clause in the first application for a charter was left out and a new application had to be made and this is now in the hands of the board, and a charter is expected before the end of the week.

Today the subscription papers will be started among the citizens to procure subscriptions of stock, and as soon as the full amount of the capital is subscribed the first assessment will be called and the contracts made for a drill.

The directors have been corresponding with several firms and have received some favorable propositions, and as soon as the charter is received and the stockholders confirm the elections contracts for work will begin.

COOLER WEATHER TODAY.

While City Teachers Pay a Visit to Weather Office.

Cooler weather is predicted for today. The weather man himself will be glad to see this fact before the day is over. This afternoon at 4 o'clock the several weather men will be the host of the city's teachers and will tell them all about his highs and lows and a few other things that are not down in the secret book of the weather office. There will be a visit to the weather office this afternoon. There will be something doing in weather circles for the next few days. Maybe things will get mixed and then there will be trouble for the good people of Wichita and vicinity. But the weather man says it will be fair and cooler today. The weather office is a mighty interesting place to visit. To a person who knows absolutely nothing about atmospheric conditions and electricity the weather office will interest him, and to the expert the office will be found entertaining.

FELL THROUGH FLOOR.

Stranger Was Hung Up Between Two Floors.

Monday night a stranger who engaged a room of parties living over the Golden Eagle store had a peculiar experience, one that will cause him to remember Wichita in years to come.

The room occupied by the Golden Eagle is being remodeled and a space the width of several boards has been opened in the ceiling. This space runs the full length of the room, and the hall on the second floor is directly over it.

The stranger came in late and in hunting for his room, stepped through the hole in the floor. The space was not large enough to let him through, but he fell as far as the limited space would permit, and hung there. His feet were below the ceiling, but he could touch nothing with

VITAL FORCE

Is Crushed by Chronic Catarrh.

One of the most weakening, undermining troubles, which mankind is heir to is hemorrhoids or piles. The victim is careless and neglectful of the disease at first because the pain is slight and the bleeding may only occur occasionally, or he may be reassured by the occasional disappearance of the symptoms. And yet at the very start he had found a rational remedy to soothe the inflammation, he would probably never have had a return of this irritating malady.

Piles may develop at any season of the year, and at almost any age of the victim, the cause of catarrh often causes this trouble, and a period arrives when the dread of pain at stool becomes so great that the sufferer begins to neglect the calls of nature, and the bowels are either forced to retain the feces or are only partially cleared, on account of the suffering attendant upon a thorough movement.

Before you reach this stage use a remedy which removes the cause, thereby eradicating the disease, and that is the Pyramid Pile Cure which is sold by all druggists at fifty cents a package. It is in the form of a suppository, is applied directly to the parts affected and brings about a complete cure, quickly and painlessly. A valuable little book on the cause and cure of piles is published by the Pyramid Drug Co., Marshall, Mich., and we advise every sufferer to send for a copy of it.

People who have suffered from piles for years have often astonished at the instant relief experienced from the first application. Another important advantage is the fact that any one can use the remedy without detention from business or interference with daily occupation.

I feel it my duty to recommend the Pyramid Pile Cure, for after suffering ten years with a most distressing form of this remedy, I am entirely cured, thanks to this remedy. Any one doubting this can write to Margaret Brady, 155 Whitman St., Cleveland, Ohio.

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HE BECAME INSANE.

Arthur E. Franz Tells About Death of His Father.

Arthur E. Franz of Burton was in the city yesterday. He had been down to Conway Springs to attend the funeral of his father, whose suicide was published in the Eagle Sunday morning.

Mr. Franz is a bright young man and is holding a position in the department store of Bunte & Son at Burton. He says he regards Wichita as home because his parents used to live here. He was born at the corner of Meade avenue and First street and was named for President Arthur.

Arthur Franz said the first information he received of the death of his father was from the dispatch sent out from Wichita. It was stated that there was but one son and he lived somewhere in Oklahoma. He said his father and mother had six children—Mrs. O. A. B. Franz of El Paso, Tex.; Charles and Fred Franz of New Mexico, were all older than himself, and two girls, Susie and Bessie, were younger. After the death of their mother they went to New Mexico to live with their aunt.

It was a great shock to Mr. Franz to read in the papers the account of his father's death. He says his father did not own any property, but was apparently getting along all right. He wrote him a short time ago if he needed anything to let him know and he would help him all he could. He thinks his mind became unbalanced and while in that condition he took his life.

COMING AFTER WAIFS.

New York Foundling Society Sends Agents to Wichita.

Mrs. Ella Glenn Shields, police matron, yesterday received a telegram from the New York foundling hospital saying that an agent of the company left that city yesterday for Wichita, to take charge of the two waifs who are alleged to have shown a criminal disposition in this city. One John Meagher stole a watch from the family who agreed to keep him and he has been tried in the city court and bound over to the district court on the charge of theft. The other, Steve Sullivan, is in the city jail. He was captured here and is held charged with having run away from the home of a farmer near El Dorado. It is expected that the case against John Meagher will be dismissed if the agent agrees to take him away and the agent will be required to take Steve Sullivan to some home where he will receive proper care.

HAVE OPENED BRANCH HOUSE.

Wichita Undertaking Firm Opens House at Clearwater.

Blitz & Hurbank, the undertaking firm of this city, have established a branch house in Clearwater, and this was opened for business yesterday. Mr. Blitz returned last night from putting the finishing touches to the house. He left Mr. T. E. Keller in charge. This firm, although short time, has shown considerable ability in their work and their business has grown rapidly within the past few months. For some time there has been a need for an undertaking establishment in some of the smaller towns of the county, and the Wichita firm have decided to branch out and secure more business.

GAS WELL IS IN GOOD SHAPE.

Winfield People Have Cleaned Out Well and Flow of Gas Is Good.

The gas well of Rages & Hertzler, at Winfield, drilled to a depth of 610 feet, was reported today to be in excellent shape. The casing is in and a new packer has been adjusted. This was done Saturday and a lapse of two days shows the well to be entirely free from water. The flow of gas is thought to be even stronger than ever, and thus, notwithstanding the fact that there is an old packer at the bottom of the well which retards the flow of gas. This packer is being drilled through.

Mr. Hertzler says that as soon as this is done the gas will be penetrated to a depth of a foot or more in the hope of increasing the flow. He hopes to be able to notify the city that the well is ready to be tested. After the test is made the city will have ten days in which to test the capacity of the well. If the well tests 2000 cubic feet daily the city is to pay \$10.00 for the same by contract. A hydraulic pressure gauge was put on the well this morning and showed 200 pounds pressure. It is the belief of those who have seen the well and watched its actions that there is enough gas in it to fill the contract.

"PAPPY" STEWART IS DEAD.

He Passed Away Last Night After a Short Illness.

Robert Stewart, for several years the genial colored janitor of the city building, died about midnight last night at his home, 80 North Water street. "Pappy" Stewart came to Wichita many years ago. He is known and liked by everyone. He was a hard working man and has a nice little home, where he lived with his family. He was always ready to help the people about the city building. He has been sick but a short time and the officers have shown a deep interest in him, for if ever there was an obliging janitor, "Pappy" Stewart was the man, and he will be greatly missed.

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PASSED BETWEEN WHEELS.

Little Girl Narrowly Escaped Being Killed.

Yesterday forenoon a large number of people standing near the corner of Lawrence and Douglas avenues saw a little girl escape almost miraculously from being run down by a team of heavy draft horses. In company with some older person, the little girl, possibly 6 years old, started to cross Douglas avenue.

They were nearly across the street when she turned and saw a team coming. The team was one of the United States express teams and was hitched to a heavy express wagon. The little girl was frightened and stood looking at the team bearing down upon her. When she did move she ran in the wrong direction and when the crowd noticed her she was directly in the path of the team, which was being driven rapidly. The driver did not see her and a shout of warning went up from the crowd, but too late. The little girl fell directly in front of the horses. The driver then noticed her and attempted to pull the horses to one side. However, they used better judgment than the driver and spread apart. One horse went on each side of her and the wheels also missed her. If either the horses or wheels had struck her, she would have been seriously injured or possibly killed.

After the wagon passed over her, she jumped up, laughing, and ran to her companion. The crowd moved on greatly relieved, after waiting in almost breathless suspense for the result.

NORWICH MAN INJURED.

While Helping Section Men Was Severely Hurt.

Conductor Wright of the Englewood branch brought a man into the city yesterday who was a pitiful spectacle. His face was bruised so badly it was black, his eyes were swollen shut and his nose was broken and mashed flat. His arms, hands and legs were bruised and crushed and it was only with difficulty that he could move a limb. He was on his way to Topeka, where he will be placed in the Santa Fe hospital. He was not a Santa Fe employee, but says he was injured while assisting an employee of the company. When his train arrived he had to be helped to it. He could not see and could scarcely stand on his feet. The injured man lives at Norwich. Monday the section foreman at Norwich received a large, heavily constructed drain box and not having a sufficient force of men asked the Norwich man to assist in unloading it from the car. When the box was nearly off the car it slipped, throwing the Norwich man underneath. The heavy box fell upon him and he thinks it is remarkable that he escaped with his life.

Although he is not a regular employee of the company, he will be placed in the hospital at Topeka and cared for until he recovers.

WANTED ONLY LUXURIES.

Poor Commissioner Finds That Some People Have Nerve.

The poor commissioner had blood in his eyes yesterday. "Say," he said, "I have about the worst case of undistributed call that you ever heard of." Mr. Hickland then explained that one day a little girl came into his office with a note from her mother. The girl was neatly dressed and did not seem to be a pauper. The note requested that the poor commissioner send the mother the following articles:

Coal, sack of flour, sugar, coffee, meat, potatoes, oatmeal, eggs, butter, oil, gasoline, a washing powder and some rice.

Mr. Hickland thought this would be rather luxurious food for a poor family and his suspicions were aroused.

He found in the back records that this family nearly two years ago suffered from typhoid fever. They were poor and the county aided them. Nearly every member of the family was sick and the aid was not misplaced. He also found that aid had been given after that date. He began looking around and found that the husband was steadily employed at \$30 per day in this city and that he need not miss a day's work. The poor commissioner looked around some more and decided that there was a case of grafting on the county, so he took out the letter and wrote at the top:

"Turned down on account of too much graft," and then filed it away as a memento of his term of office.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy

Always Cures.

"It's Going To the Dogs"

That's the common saying about common clothing for boys when it begins to look ragged and worn out. It's different with ours. Whenever our clothing for boys "goes to the dogs" it's the fault of the dogs—not of the clothing or of the boys.

When clothing is made right in the first place, there's no possibility of "it's going to the dogs," like the ordinary kind. We're as careful about the clothes for that little fellow as any that bears the H. & H. label. It's evidenced by the fact that it fits, looks well and wears well.

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